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FOR AF FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: USIA EXHIBIT FOR FIKIN 77

REF: A) USIA 36550 B) KINSHASA 10369

1. I WISH TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE REFERENCED MESSAGES, WHEREIN USIA INFORMED THE PAO HERE THAT OMB IS RELUCTANT TO AGREE TO FUND THE EXHIBIT WHICH WE HAVE BEEN PLANNING FOR THE 1977 KINSHASA FAIR (FIKIN). THE PAO'S REPLY, REF (B), MAKES A STRONG COUNTER ARGUMENT, AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT HE HAS MY FULL SUPPORT.

2. AS YOU KNOW, USIA PROPOSED IN EARLY SEPTEMBER TO SEND A FULL-SCALE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER EXHIBITION TO FIKIN 77. THIS WAS EXTREMELY WELL RECEIVED BY THE GOZ, AND ALL OF OUR PLANNING AND DISCUSSIONS WITH THE ZAIRIANS RE FIKIN HAVE BEEN BASED ON THE USIA EXHIBIT. WE CANNOT, FROM OUR OWN RESOURCES HERE, INCLUDING LOCAL U.S. FIRMS, COME UP WITH AN ALTERNATIVE AMERICAN PRESENCE AT FIKIN. THUS, IF THE USIA EXHIBIT PROPOSAL IS OVERRULED BY OMB, THERE WILL BE NO CREDIBLE AMERICAN EXHIBIT.

3. I URGE STRONG DEPARTMENT SUPPORT FOR USIA'S POSITION
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